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SUBJ: CSCE TELEVISION PROGRAM

1. TV BELGRADE EDITOR AND FUTURE IVP CANDIDATE BORIVOJE MIRKOVIC DEVELOPED AND EDITED A MARCH 3 TELEVISION "BELAKNJIGA" (ROUGHLY THE EQUIVALENT OF NBC'S "WHITE PAPER" SERIES) ENTITLED "EUROPE 77". MIRKOVIC BROUGHT TOGETHER FILM REPORTS, CORRESPONDENT FEEDS FROM MOSCOW, BONN AND WASHINGTON(GUSTINCIC), AS WELL AS IN-STUDIO COMMENTARY BY THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE FEDERAL ASSEMBLY BOGDAN OSOLNIK AND ZAGREB UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR DR. RADOVAN VUKADINOVIC.

2. EMPHASIS OF PROGRAM WAS ON IDENTIFYING ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE IN THE CSCE CONTEXT FROM YUGOSLAV POINT OF VIEW. TREATMENT OF U.S. VIEWS WAS FAIR, IF NOT ENTHUSIASTIC. YUGOSLAV ANALYSTS LISTED THE MAIN POINTS OF BASKET III WHERE THEIR COMPLIANCE IS RELATIVELY GOOD, BUT IN DISCUSSING "RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS" THEY STRESSED POINT SIX IN BASKET I WHICH CALLS FOR "NON- INTERVENTION IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS".

3. DISCUSSIONS OF U.S. ATTITUDE TOWARD CSCE WERE RELATIVELY FAIR,
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ALTHOUGH CORRESPONDENTS FEED FROM GUSTINCIC PLAYED UP DOMESTIC U.S. "REASONS" FOR CONCERN OVER HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AND QUESTIONED CORRECTNESS OF SUCH "INTERVENTIONS". ON THE OTHER HAND, GUSTINCIC DISCUSSED ATTACKS ON DETENTE DURING NIXON-FORD YEARS AND SAID "THE PRESIDENT WANTS TO PRESERVE DETENTE WITH MOSCOW, BUT HE DOES NOT WANT EVERYTHING TO BECOME DEPENDENT ON SOVIET-AMERICAN AGREEMENT ABOUT ITS STATUS, HE DOES NOT WANT IT TO BE THE ONLY MEASURE OF

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, HE WANTS TO SPARE IT FROM ATTACKS FROM THE LEFT AND RIGHT".

4. VUKADINOVIC STATED THAT THE CHANGE IN ADMINISTRATIONS HAD BROUGHT A CHANGE IN SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND AN EMPHASIS ON EAST-WEST DIFFERENCES. "IT IS CLEAR THAT INASMUCH AS THIS TENDENCY GOES IN ONLY ONE DIRECTION, INASMUCH AS THE AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN TRYING TO INSIST ON AN INTERPRETATION OF SOME PARTS OF THE FINAL ACT, INASMUCH AS IT IS DESIRED TO CARRY OUT A CERTAIN KIND OF PRESSURE, THEN THE PROCESS OF EUROPEAN AGREEMENT AND TREATY MAKING WILL BE SLOWED....IT IS HARD TO EXPECT THAT ANY STATE, NOT TO MENTION ONE OF THE BIG STATES, WOULD TAKE ON THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR A CERTAIN SLOWING AND FOR SOME FAILURE TO REALIZE THIS FURTHER PROCESS OF AGREEMENT."

5. COMMENT: MIRKOVIC HAD RECENTLY TOLD PAO THAT HE BELIEVED THE IMPETUS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS STORIES WAS COMING FROM "CERTAIN CIRCLES" IN THE WEST, BUT THIS VIEW WAS NOT STRESSED IN PROGRAM ALTHOUGH GUSTINCIC SAID AT ONE POINT "THE SO-CALLED CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS BEGINS TO REMIND ONE OF THE IDEOLOGICAL CLASHES OF THE COLD WAR.....".

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